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SUBJECT: PEACE IN CHAD

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1. SUDANESE LEADERS ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT
BREAKTHROUGH IN REACHING PEACE IN CHAD. CONFIRMING LOCAL PRESS
REPORTS, MINSTATE IZZ AL-DIN HAMID, ONE OF PRINCIPAL SUDANESE
PARTICIPANTS IN CHAD-RELATED TALKS HERE, TOLD DCM MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, THAT LIBYANS AND REBELS HAD AGREED TO CEASE FIRE
TO BE FOLLOWED BY GOVERNMENT CHANGES AND REFORMS IN NDJAMENA.
HAMID SAID GOUKOUNI AND BAGHLANI WOULD COME TO KHARTOUM SOON
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CHADGOV REPS IN MANNER SIMILAR TO
EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH HISSEIN HABRE AND ABBA SIDDIK.
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2. ACCORDING SUNA, PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT AMONG
PARTIES INCLUDE: (A) CEASEFIRE AND APPEAL BY LIBYA AND SUDAN
TO ALL CHADIANS TO ACCEPT MALLOUM'S CALL FOR IMMEDIATE
CEAFVEFIRE; (B) CESSATION OF HOSTILE BROADCASTS AND ANTI-
CHADGOV MEDIA CAMPAIGNS; (C) REJECTION BY LIBYA AND
SUDAN OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN CHAD AND AFFIRMATION OF FULL

SUPPORT FOR KHARTOUM ACCORD OF JANUARY 22; (D) RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHAD AND LIBYA, WITHDRAWAL OF CHADIAN COMPLAINT AT UNSC AND MEETING BETWEEN MALLOUM AND QADDHAFI IN SOUTHERN LIBYAN TOWN OF SABBAH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NIGER.

3. SUDANESE INCLUDING NIMEIRI, WHO NOTED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTHLY TELEVISION BROADCAST FEBRUARY 20, AND FIRST VP ABUL QASSIM, WHO DISCUSSED CHAD AND HORN WITH AMBASSADOR (SEPTEL, NOTAL) SEEM JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF THEIR MEDIATION. WE CONGRATULATED SUDANESE OFFICIALS ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT. DCM ASKED WHAT FACTOR LED LIBYANS TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT AND WHETHER HE TRUSTED QADDHAFI IN LIGHT RECENT PAST, BUT HAMID WOULD NOT RPT NOT ANSWER DIRECTLY. HE ALSO TURNED ASIDE QUESTIONS REGARDING EGYPTIAN REACTION, SAYING IF THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS, IT WOULD BE QUOTE QUARREL BETWEEN BROTHERS UNQUOTE AND THEREFORE INSIGIFICANT.

4. COMMENT: IF SUDANESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY SAY, THEY WILL HAVE PROVIDED INVALUABLE ASSIST TO MALLOUM AND MAY EVEN HAVE SALVAGED CHAD'S INTEGRITY. THIS, OF COURSE, IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SUDANGOV, SINCE WEAKENED OR HOSTILE CHAD WOULD TRANSFORM WESTERN FRONTIER INTO ONE AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO KHARTOUM AS THAT ALONG ETHIOPIAN BORDER, AND THIS WOULD BE SERIOUS HANDICAP TO NIMEIRI'S EFFORTS TO STABILIZE COUNTRY AND MOVE
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FORWARD WITH AMBLDAIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS. BASED ON HAMID'S COMMENTS, APPEARS MAJOR POLITICAL CHANGES WIL NOW RPT NTB OCCUR IN CHAD FOLLOWING TALKS HERE SOON BETWEEN CHADGOV OFFICIALS AND GOUKOUNI AND BAGHLANI.
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